

SENATE BILL No. 184

DIGEST OF INTRODUCED BILL

Citations Affected: IC 36-8-16.5-51.

Synopsis: Consolidation of dispatch centers. Provides that a public safety agency located in a county that has consolidated public safety answering points (PSAPs) as required by law may not duplicate an emergency dispatch function performed by the remaining PSAPs located in the county.

Effective: July 1, 2009.

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January 7, 2009, read first time and referred to Committee on Local Government.

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First Regular Session 116th General Assembly (2009)

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A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning public safety.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Indiana:

1 SECTION 1. IC 36-8-16.5-51, AS ADDED BY P.L.137-2008,
2 SECTION 11, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
3 JULY 1, 2009]: Sec. 51. (a) For purposes of this section, a PSAP
4 includes a public safety communications system operated and
5 maintained under IC 36-8-15.

6 (b) As used in this section, "PSAP operator" means:

7 (1) a political subdivision; or

8 (2) an agency;

9 that operates a PSAP. The term does not include a state educational
10 institution that operates a PSAP or an airport authority established for
11 a county having a consolidated city.

12 (c) Subject to subsection (d), after December 31, 2014, a county
13 may not contain more than two (2) PSAPs. However, a county may
14 contain one (1) or more PSAPs in addition to the number of PSAPs
15 authorized by this section, as long as any additional PSAPs are
16 operated by:

17 (1) a state educational institution; or

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(2) an airport authority established for a county having a consolidated city.

(d) If, on March 15, 2008, a county does not contain more than one (1) PSAP, not including any PSAP operated by an entity described in subsection (c)(1) or (c)(2), an additional PSAP may not be established or operated in the county on or after March 15, 2008, unless the additional PSAP is established and operated by:

(1) a state educational institution;

(2) in the case of a county having a consolidated city, an airport authority established for the county; or

(3) the municipality having the largest population in the county or an agency of that municipality.

(e) Before January 1, 2015, each PSAP operator in a county that contains more than the number of PSAPs authorized by subsection (c) shall enter into an interlocal agreement under IC 36-1-7 with every other PSAP operator in the county to ensure that the county does not contain more than the number of PSAPs authorized by subsection (c) after December 31, 2014.

(f) An interlocal agreement required under subsection (e) may include as parties, in addition to the PSAP operators required to enter into the interlocal agreement under subsection (e), any of the following that seek to be served by a county's authorized PSAPs after December 31, 2014:

(1) Other counties contiguous to the county.

(2) Other political subdivisions in a county contiguous to the county.

(3) Other PSAP operators in a county contiguous to the county.

(g) An interlocal agreement required under subsection (e) must provide for the following:

(1) A plan for the:

(A) consolidation;

(B) reorganization; or

(C) elimination;

of one (1) or more of the county's PSAPs, as necessary to ensure that the county does not contain more than the number of PSAPs authorized by subsection (c) after December 31, 2014.

(2) A plan for funding and staffing the PSAP or PSAPs that will serve:

(A) the county; and

(B) any areas contiguous to the county, if additional parties described in subsection (f) participate in the interlocal agreement;

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1 after December 31, 2014.

2 (3) Subject to any applicable state or federal requirements,
3 protocol to be followed by the county's PSAP or PSAPs in:

4 (A) receiving incoming 911 calls; and

5 (B) dispatching appropriate public safety agencies to respond
6 to the calls;

7 after December 31, 2014.

8 (4) Any other matters that the participating PSAP operators or
9 parties described in subsection (f), if any, determine are necessary
10 to ensure that the county does not contain more than the number
11 of PSAPs authorized by subsection (c) after December 31, 2014.

12 (h) This section may not be construed to require a county to contain
13 a PSAP.

14 **(i) This subsection does not apply to a state educational**
15 **institution or an airport authority established for a county having**
16 **a consolidated city. A public safety agency located in a county that**
17 **has consolidated PSAPs in compliance with subsection (c) may not**
18 **duplicate an emergency dispatch function performed by the**
19 **remaining PSAPs located in the county.**

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